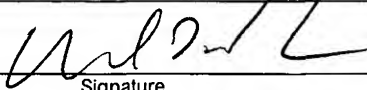


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Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment in this patent application. Please amend the application as follows.